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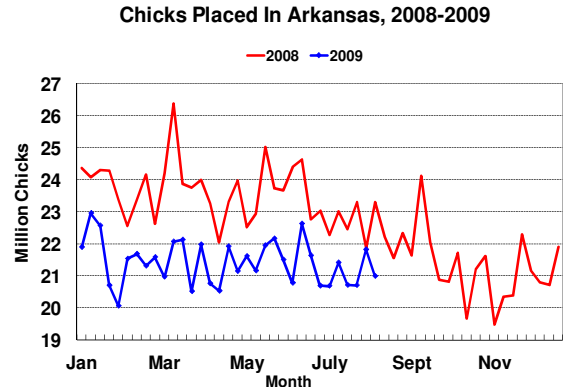
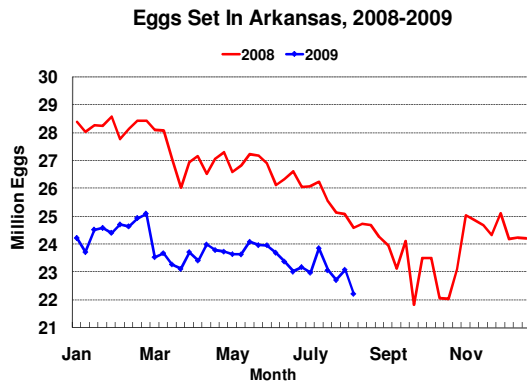


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 10 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.0 million during the week ending August 15, 2009. Placements were down 10 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 22.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 15, 2009, down 10 percent from the same period last year and down 4 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, July 18, 2009 - August 15, 2009

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 18-Jul | 25-Jul | 1-Aug | 8-Aug | 15-Aug | 18-Jul | 25-Jul | 1-Aug | 8-Aug | 15-Aug |
| <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 29,069 * | 28,743 * | 29,079 | 28,494 | 29,138 | 20,569 * | 21,263 * | 21,071 * | 20,988 | 20,157 |
| Arkansas | 23,861 | 23,069 * | 22,721 | 23,090 | 22,223 | 21,423 | 20,718 | 20,714 | 21,833 | 20,998 |
| Delaware | 3,637 | 3,438 | 3,289 | 3,659 | 3,788 | 4,992 | 5,399 | 5,153 | 4,591 * | 4,876 |
| Florida | 1,016 | 993 | 1,019 | 995 | 997 | 737 | 723 | 741 | 743 | 732 |
| Georgia | 31,726 | 31,282 | 31,171 | 31,309 | 30,858 | 26,668 | 26,528 * | 26,953 | 26,391 * | 26,252 |
| Kentucky | 7,867 * | 7,748 * | 7,657 | 7,806 | 7,790 | 6,701 * | 6,337 | 6,876 | 6,341 | 6,190 |
| Louisiana | 3,409 | 3,424 | 3,455 | 3,455 | 3,455 | 2,959 | 2,888 | 2,948 | 2,914 | 2,955 |
| Maryland | 8,642 | 8,854 | 8,987 | 8,964 | 8,956 | 6,151 | 5,083 | 5,619 | 6,242 * | 5,869 |
| Mississippi | 18,285 | 18,529 * | 18,078 | 18,451 | 18,095 | 16,107 | 16,092 | 15,996 | 16,183 | 16,360 |
| N. Carolina | 18,672 | 18,575 * | 18,820 | 18,587 | 18,656 | 15,481 | 15,055 | 15,135 | 15,586 | 15,017 |
| Oklahoma | 7,227 | 6,980 * | 6,845 | 6,391 | 6,757 | 4,341 | 4,456 | 5,026 | 4,095 | 4,163 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,208 | 3,954 * | 3,962 * | 3,842 * | 3,944 | 3,130 | 2,911 * | 3,209 * | 3,428 * | 3,211 |
| S. Carolina | 5,707 | 5,810 | 5,736 | 5,839 | 5,815 | 4,645 | 5,213 | 4,395 | 4,661 | 4,926 |
| Texas | 15,553 | 15,472 | 15,378 | 15,280 | 15,409 | 13,232 | 12,767 | 13,292 | 13,213 | 13,166 |
| Virginia | 6,211 | 6,178 | 6,192 | 6,149 | 6,154 | 4,721 | 4,963 | 4,898 | 4,878 * | 5,171 |
| CA,MO,TN & WV | 18,869 | 18,717 | 18,530 * | 18,724 * | 18,622 | 16,039 | 16,462 * | 15,129 | 17,300 * | 17,042 |
| 19 State Total | 203,959 * | 201,766 * | 200,919 * | 201,035 * | 200,657 | 167,896 * | 166,858 * | 167,155 * | 169,387 * | 167,085 |
| Prev. Year Total | 211,369 | 209,872 | 207,229 | 207,161 | 207,095 | 172,780 | 170,837 | 172,890 | 173,001 | 172,779 |
| % of Prev. Year | 96 | 96 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 98 | 97 | 98 | 97 |

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 15, 2009. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 15, 2009. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through August 15, 2009 were 5.55 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.